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FROM: Sen. Richard Lugar TO: J. Brian Atwood DATE: 11/23

SUBJECT: Letter from Lowell Rose re: information on allegation that 300 teachers have been killed in El Salvador

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Senator Lugar:

Thank you for your letter of November 23 forwarding Mr. Lowell C. Rose's inquiry concerning alleged killings of teachers in El Salvador.

Over the past several years El Salvador has been convulsed by political violence as both the extreme left and the extreme right have attempted to advance their interests using terrorist tactics. Thousands have died in this wave of violence, including a number of teachers. We have no basis for judging whether the figure of 300 teachers killed is accurate, but there is little doubt that teachers have been more subject to political violence than other sectors of the Salvadoran population. This is probably because the Salvadoran teachers' union, Andes, has been accused of being a front organization for Marxist-Leninist guerrilla groups. As best as we can determine, violence against teachers has abated over the past several months.

The enclosed background study, "El Salvador: The Search for Peace", provides information on the origins of the civil strife in El Salvador and the Duarte Government's efforts, which we support, to promote peaceful resolution of political differences through elections.

Sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosures:

1. Correspondence returned.
2. Background Study on El Salvador.

The Honorable
Richard G. Lugar,
United States Senate.

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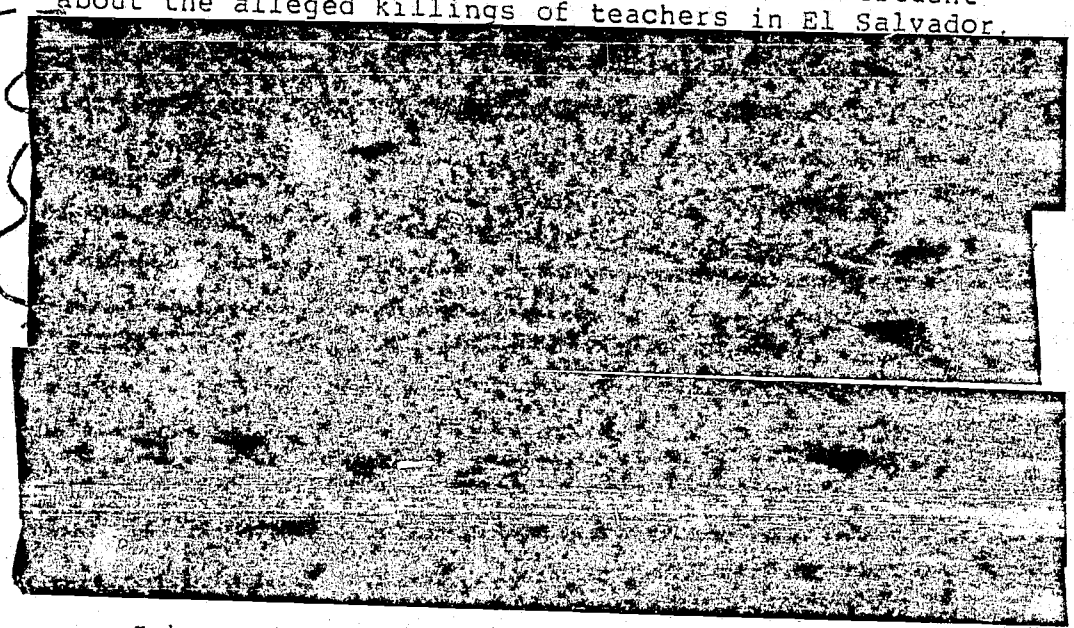
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Senator Lugar:

I refer to Senator Lugar's letter of 23 November, 1981 in which he relays the concern of a constituent about the alleged killings of teachers in El Salvador.



I hope this might prove helpful in responding to the Senator's constituent.

Sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary for
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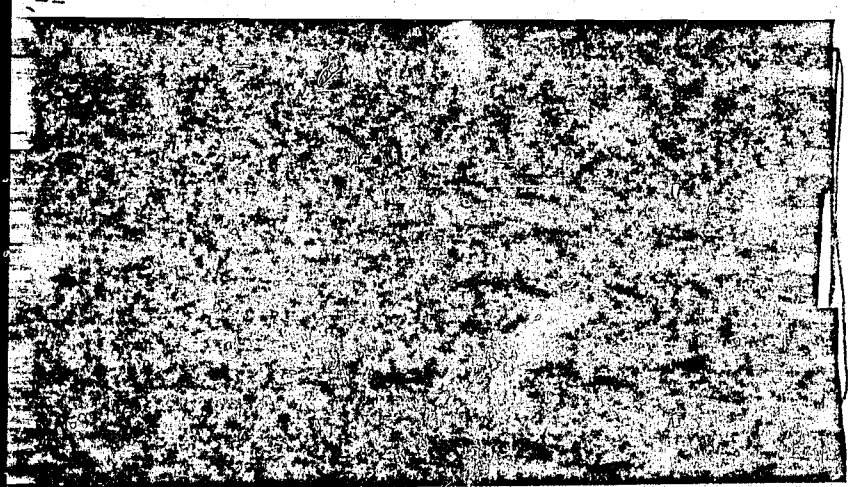

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 23, 1981

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Mr. J. Brian Atwood
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Atwood:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with the return of the enclosure, will be greatly appreciated. Please direct your reply to the attention of Anne Sargeant of my Washington office.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar

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Enclosure

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Re: Requesting information on the allegation that ~~What~~ "There have been 300 teachers killed in El Salvador.

From: Lowell C. Rose

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November 5, 1981

Senator Richard Lugar
46 East Ohio Street, Room 447
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Senator Lugar:

The 650 delegates to Phi Delta Kappa's 38th Biennial Council passed a resolution directing the board and international staff to make an inquiry to the State Department asking for information on the allegation that "There have been 300 teachers killed in El Salvador." This charge was made recently by an El Salvadoran trade union leader, Rosa Rivera. A copy of the specific resolution adopted by the council is enclosed. Phi Delta Kappa's interest springs both from the human rights implications of the charge and the fact that it involves teachers and education.

In a phone conversation with State Department personnel, I was told that I would get a much quicker response if the query came from a member of the Senate. I would, therefore, appreciate your assistance in making the inquiry. I am enclosing, as background information, a newspaper report of the presentation that led to the council action. Please let me know if there are other steps I should take or if there is additional information I can provide.

Sincerely,

Lowell C. Rose
Executive Secretary

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WHEREAS political strife becomes more rampant around the globe, and

WHEREAS in light of President Poston's concern for expanding the international scope of our fraternity, and Mr. Banks' call today for global responsibility,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that PDK International direct a letter to the U.S. Department of State seeking verification of the report made by several El Salvadorean refugees in the U.S. that more than 350 teachers have been slain in that country and that several of these teachers were literally gunned down at their blackboards, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the response of the State Department be publicized in PDK International communications.

Salvadoran unionist describes rightist terror

"In your hands is the power to save the dignity of your country." El Salvadoran trade union leader Rosa Rivera told a crowd of 125 people at the Racine Labor Center last Sunday afternoon.

"The only government in El Salvador is one that institutionalizes terrorism. It is your taxes, brothers and sisters that is paying for this terrorism."

"Do you really want your taxes to support this evil? 100 million of your tax dollars go to the military and to support the assassinations in El Salvador."

Rivera, the founder of the El Salvadoran teachers union, is on a speaking tour to create awareness about the regime that the Reagan administration is actively supporting. Expelled from her own country because of her opposition to the government, she now hopes to build opposition to the repressive regime of Jose Napoleon Duarte by speaking to Americans.

Rivera explained her reason for speaking out against U.S. aid to the military regime in El Salvador in simple terms. "I come here to defend human rights even though they do not exist in my country. Among you are teachers and workers and you will understand."

Rivera said that her family has been among the victims of the widespread reign of terror conducted by right - wing military, business, and landowner groups. Her husband and son were abducted and killed by military.

In the last several years, some 30,000 people have been killed by the right wing, with an estimated half million people fleeing the country to escape the violence.

Rivera said that the right wing, including the government, has tried to eliminate all possible sources of opposition. "There have been 300 teachers killed in El Salvador. Some have been assassinated in front of their children, while they stood at their blackboards. In the process of these assassinations, some children have been killed by flying bullets."

"The barbarism has gone so far that they cut off people's heads, leave them and take the bodies elsewhere. Bodies are cut up and left everywhere.

"Not only do they chop up human bodies but they use other methods of horrific torture as well as highly sophisticated electric shocks to all parts of the body."

"This may sound incredible that human beings could do this to other human beings, but they have. And the proof that this goes on all over the country is massive."

Rivera said that the El Salvadoran military junta was now trying to claim that such abuses had been stopped, but she said that such claims could not be trusted.

"What do you believe of people who kill even the clergy? Remember how the Archbishop Romera was killed and the four American nuns?"

Rivera said that the U.S. involvement on behalf of the junta was based in large part on the interests of American - based corporations. "What you are defending in El Salvador is the interests of the big corporations alone. The workers in El Salvador are paid one - fifth of what they are paid in the U.S. The economic interests of the U.S. are the reasons for the military intervention of the U.S."

She said that legitimate unions in El Salvador are forced underground by fierce repression by management and the government. She added that labor laws exist only on the books, "not in reality."

"I believe that the laws can be on your side if they are utilized properly. But in El Salvador, the people have no power to put them to use."

"In 30 years, only one strike was considered legal," she said.

She said that the only unions which were tolerated by the government were not true unions, but were "aligned with the oppressors."

Rivera appealed to American unions to send messages to the U.S. government asking an end to military aid to the junta in El Salvador.

"I ask you, as a mother, in the name of my disappeared son of whom I have no knowledge, I ask you in the name of the 300 teachers who were killed, I ask you in the name of my brother who was killed while performing his job as a medic, I ask you to take some action for the people of El Salvador."

UAW State CAP Director Bill Roestler called for an end to U.S. support for the right wing government of El Salvador.

The Racine meeting was sponsored by the UAW Racine - Kenosha CAP Council, the Racine County AFL-CIO Council, the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), AFSCME Local 2130, and the Racine and Kenosha chapters of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Written for the Racine Labor with the assistance of Renee Gilbert and Peter Seybold.